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NOT TO BLOCK CONGRESS

Opponents of Resolution Will Aid War Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Committees of Congress will begin to-morrow the real war preparations of the nation. The House will meet at noon and adjourn until Thursday noon, when the first of the financial legislation, it is hoped, will be ready for consideration.

Leaders in both Senate and House are more concerned at present in combating the effect feared from the split in the vote on the war resolution than in anticipating trouble over the various administrative proposals. The publication here this morning of quotations from semi-official newspapers in Berlin indicating that the German Government expects a continuation of friendly policies from a so-called pacifist party in Congress has resulted in a number of the probable activities of those who voted against the war resolution. Berlin evidently expects those members of the House and Senate to continue to oppose aggressive war measures.

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There is ground for satisfaction in the fact that the war resolution has been passed by a large majority. It shows that a peace party exists, and this must not be overlooked.

Reply to Insinuation.

Two members of the Senate and one member of the House who voted against the war resolution to-day in declaring that nothing in their future attitude toward war legislation would justify the charge that they are not patriots. They were the only members of the House and Senate who voted against the war resolution.

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28 LIVES LOST BY SINKING OF AZTEC

Only One of Vessel's Naval Guard Perished.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Ambassador Shuman to Paris notified the State Department to-day that twenty-eight lives were lost in the torpedoing of the American steamship Aztec, including boatswain's Mate Popolucel of the United States Naval Guard. All of the other twelve members of the guard were among the nineteen survivors. The dispatch follows:

"Armed guard of Aztec all saved except J. L. Popolucel, boatswain's mate, first class. Following members of crew survivors: Capt. Walter O'Brien, American; First Mate E. J. Anderson, American; Third Mate E. J. O'Brien, American; Ernest Collins, boatswain, Swedish; Herbert Olson, third engineer, American; Charles Nakoleit, seaman, Hawaiian; William Sweeney, wireless operator, American; and three known survivors in all. Total complement, forty-seven. Consular agent at Brest reports to Capt. O'Brien that three bodies have been washed ashore. Identical: K. J. O'Brien, seaman; name of third given as Bernard Boyers, which does not figure on the ship's crew list."

How the British merchantman Queen Louise, from Philadelphia for Dunkirk with railway supplies, was torpedoed without warning March 31 off the French coast and managed to put into port at Havre without casualties, is described in a message received at the State Department to-day from Consul Osborne at Havre. There were several Americans in the crew.

One American, James Collier, was among the five men killed in the sinking of the British steamer Crispin. Consul Washington at Liverpool informed the State Department to-day of Collier's death. He was a member of the crew named Preston had sailed for New York.

FRANCE EXCHANGES GREETINGS WITH U. S.

Wilson Replies to Congratulations of Poincare—Paris Sends Message.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—President Wilson sent to-day a reply to President Poincare's congratulatory message upon the United States entry into the war.

"In this trying hour when the destinies of civilized mankind are in the balance, I have great satisfaction in the fact that the United States has entered the war. It is a source of gratification and joy to me to receive your congratulations upon the step which my country has been constrained to take in opposition to the relentless policy and course of imperialistic Germany."

"It is very delightful to me that France, who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the struggle for the rights of the people, should now give us such a welcome into the lists of battle as upholders of the freedom and rights of humanity."

"As partners of the noble democracies whose aims and acts make for the perpetuation of the rights and freedom of man and for the safeguarding of the true principles of human liberty. In the name of the American people, I salute you and your illustrious countrymen."

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CENTRAL SERVICE PLAN ESTABLISHED

Headquarters Opened in Washington to Assist War Department.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Baker to-day approved a plan by which individuals and organizations throughout the country may have an opportunity to render patriotic service to the nation.

The plan contemplates that all who desire to render such service shall communicate with the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies, which has established headquarters in the Southern Building here. This committee will act as a clearing house for twenty-eight or more patriotic and defense organizations. It will coordinate the efforts of these organizations with a view to system and efficiency and with the idea of eliminating useless duplication among them.

The committee, headed by George Washington, chairman, and with Lieut.-Gen. S. B. M. Young as its honorary chairman, in its formal announcement of the new plan to-day says: "This committee, which was formed at the suggestion of the War Department, is a semi-official suggestion for the express purpose of harmonizing the efforts of patriotic organizations, has felt justified in undertaking to formulate a plan under which the various organizations may be able to render their services to the country in any capacity, military or civil, may organize themselves into a well coordinated body."

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ONE HUNDRED SPIES ORDERED ARRESTED

Department of Justice Also Expects Roundup of Additional Aliens.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Gratifying reports have been made to the Department of Justice from its agencies in all parts of the country on the behavior of Germans and German Americans following the declaration of a state of war between the two nations. While about 100 special arrests have been ordered and others are expected, the Department of Justice is confident that the situation is very encouraging.

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WORKING ON PLANS TO COMBAT U-BOATS

U. S. Navy Experts Confer With Officers of Entente.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Improvement in methods of combating German submarines has been undertaken at conferences between Secretary Daniels and other representatives of the Navy Department and naval officers representing France and Great Britain. The Department has full details of some of the plans adopted in Europe for capturing and destroying submarines, and officers here have been at work trying to develop new and more certain devices.

In addition to the naval officers attached to the French and British embassies, other officers of those nations now are in communication with the Navy Department, and general cooperation with the French and British navies is being taken up at the conference. Meanwhile the mobilization of the American fleet is going ahead, and Naval Militia organizations in different States are being put on a war basis as rapidly as possible.

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WAKE UP, AMERICA! RECRUITING SLOGAN

Mayor's Committee on National Defence Sets April 18 for Patriots' Day.

STIRRING UP THE NATION

Telegrams Sent to Executives of All Cities of Over 10,000 Population.

In the belief that the American nation must be awakened to a realization that it is really at war with Germany, and in answer to the full meaning of such a conflict, the committee on recruiting of the Mayor's Committee on National Defence yesterday adopted the slogan "Wake Up, America!"

Hardly had the committee been organized last Saturday before it set about advising the country of the great difficulties that lie in the way of all recruiting agents. Frankly admitting that the nation's youth are not freely responding to the call to the colors, the committee has set for itself the task of coordinating the various methods of recruiting used by the army, navy and marine corps.

Mayors of every city in the country of ten thousand population or more, 541 in all, were telegraphed yesterday morning the plans of the Mayor's committee, and their cooperation was asked. By night-fall replies had been received from Mayors of both coasts and from the heart of the so-called pacific sections. Not one telegram in answer was recorded as being opposed to the nationwide recruiting movement.

The telegram sent to the Mayors of every city over 10,000 yesterday read as follows: "The recruiting committee on national defence, appointed by Mayor Mitchell earnestly desires to cooperate with you in recruiting the army and navy, up to war strength. We have started a campaign supported by the business interests of Greater New York to distribute literature of all kinds and are cooperating with the army and navy and Marine Corps officers appointed to recruiting duty. We are especially anxious to have a national recruiting day on the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, and we earnestly request that you cooperate with us in making this a great national demonstration of loyalty to our Government as an expression of our feelings to the world generally."

Mayors of Montgomery, Ala.; Portland, Me.; Louisville, Ky.; Columbia, S. C.; Norwood, Ohio; Menominee, Mich.; Lima, Ohio; Canton, Ohio; Mason, Ga.; Laredo, Tex.; Fort Dodge, Iowa; Spokane, Wash., were among those who made replies.

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